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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN ROUNDUP

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT INTENSITY OF GUERRILLA WAR IS BUILDING AND THAT CASUALTY RATE IS SOARING. ALREADY THIS YEAR, 318 GUERRILLAS AND 51 RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES HAVE BEEN KILLED. ACCORDING TO PRESS BOTH THOSE FIGURES ARE THREE TIMES THOSE FOR THIS PERIOD LAST YEAR. OVER THE WEEKEND TWO MORE WHITE CIVILIANS WERE KILLED IN ATTACK ON FARMSTEAD. THIS IS A TOTAL OF 22 WHITE CIVILIANS KILLED SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER 24 OF A TOTAL 78 KILLED SINCE
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OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES IN DECEMBER, 1972. 105 SECURITY FORCE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN KILLED SINCE SEPTEMBER 24 OF A TOTAL OF 284 SINCE DECEMBER, 1972. ALMOST 1,000 GUERRILLAS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN SAME PERIOD, COMPARED TO TOTAL 2,318 KILLED SINCE 1972. PRESS ACCOUNT SAYS AVERAGE OF 15 PERSONS CURRENTLY DYING DAILY IN WAR AND RATION OF GUERRILLAS TO SECURITY FORCES IS "UNACCEPTABLE"

FIVE TO ONE".

2. RHODESIAN PRESS ACCOUNTS RECENTLY REPORT THAT GROUP OF 45 RHODESIAN TOBACCO FARMERS VISITED ARGENTINA FOR OFFICIAL TOUR OF ARGENTINIAN TOBACCO INDUSTRY. ARGENTINIAN OFFICIAL IS QUOTED AS SAYING RHODESIANS WERE INTERESTED IN SETTLING THERE. SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP SAID THAT WAS NOT INTENT OF VISIT BUT THAT SOME MEMBERS WERE "EXAMINING PROSPECTS FOR SETTLING." SUBSEQUENT PRESS REPORT GAVE INTERVIEW WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF PARAGUAYAN INVESTMENT COMPANY VISITING SALISBURY TO PROMOTE INVESTMENTS AND FARMING OPPORTUNITIES IN HIS COUNTRY. ACCOUNT NOTED THAT URUGUAY (PRETORIA 5911(76), AND BRAZIL WERE ALSO CASTING "COVETOUS EYES...ON RHODESIAN FARMERS WHOSE EXPERTISE IS ACKNOWLEDGED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD".

3. RHODESIAN PRESS STATES THAT CHAIRMAN OF OPPOSITION PARTY, RHODESIA PARTY, IS EMIGRATING TO NEW ZEALAND. ROD ANERSON, WHO HAS BEEN RP CHAIRMAN SINCE OCTOBER, 1974, STATED HE HAD NO "CONFIDENCE THAT THE RHODESIAN FRONT WILL SECURE A FUTURE FOR MY CHILDREN."

4. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, SMITH ANNOUNCED CABINET CHANGES ON MARCH 11, MARK PARTRIDGE, BECAME NEW MINISTER OF DEFENSE, TAKING OVER FROM RESIGNED REG COWPER. PHILIP SMITH IS MOVED TO PARTRIDGE'S POST OF MINISTER OF LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES. UNCLASSIFIED

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WILFRID WALKER, A FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER, TAKES OVER SMITH'S POST OF MINISTER OF EDUCATION. RETIRED AIR MARSHALL ARCHIE WILSON BECOMES MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND POWER AND ROADS AND ROAD TRAFFIC. THIS POST WAS VACATED BY ROGER HAWKINS, WHO IS BEING MOVED TO NEWLY CREATED MINISTER OF COMBINED OPERATIONS, WHICH PRESS DESCRIBED AS RHODESIA'S WAR MINISTER. REPORTEDLY, DEFENSE MINISTRY WILL ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE ROLE WHILE COMBINED OPERATIONS MINISTRY WILL KEEP DAILY CONTROL OF WAR EFFORT. PREVIOUS CABINET CHANGE HAD BEEN APPOINTMENT OF ROWAN CRONJE AS MINISTER OF MANPOWER AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS. THIS WAS SECOND PORTFOLIO OF COWPER THAT DEALT WITH MILITARY DRAFT AND CAUSED CONTROVERSY WHICH LED TO HIS RESIGNATION. DEPUTY MINISTER POST IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE HELD BY DISSIDENT RF MAN SUTTON-PRYCE, (PRETORIA 1065) HAS BEEN ABOLISHED.

5. RHODESIAN PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT OVER 25,000

AFRICAN SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE MISSING FROM SCHOOLS IN
BORDER AREAS OF RHODESIA. FACT IS REPORTEDLY DUE IN
PART TO GUERRILLA RECRUITMENT AND IN PART TO SECURITY
FEAR THAT KEEPS CHILDREN VOLUNTARILY AWAY FROM SCHOOLS.
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